

**Conclusions**

Applicant requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejection, indicate the allowability of the claims and declare an interference between the present application and the Rebouillat et al. United States Patent application Serial No. 09/443,695, filed November 19, 1999 and designate the inventor of the present application as senior party in that interference.

Respectfully submitted,

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